

DPD 2363-59 .

8 April 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Chief, Administrative Branch, DPD

SUBJECT: Justification for Russian Language Training (Basic)
[redacted] - Air Section, Operations Branch

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REFERENCE: Your Comments of 7 April, Requesting Justification
in Terms of Specific Questions Raised

1. [redacted] has expressed a desire to attain proficiency in the Russian language. His interest in this particular language has been motivated by several factors which are enumerated below:

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a. A personal interest in the language supplemented by the consideration that attainment and retention of proficiency may be accomplished through the encouragement of and daily conversation with his wife, who speaks Russian with native fluency.

b. Improvement and enhancement of qualifications which are of interest to the Agency and will through greater versatility assist the Clandestine Services in filling vacancies with language requirements in short supply.

c. An earnest desire to voluntarily improve upon his qualifications as a career officer in keeping with the spirit of the Language Development Program as expressed in Agency Regulation [redacted]

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2. It is difficult to generalize in terms of where a language fits into ones career planning. If it is assumed that a short supply language such as Russian is only learned by those in the Soviet Russia Division or after a confirmed assignment to a Russian speaking area or as a translator, then this training is not currently operationally justifiable. However, if future requirements of the Clandestine Services are considered, training in the

Russian language must be completed well in advance of the need and experience gained through speaking, otherwise the individual would not be qualified for the position, nor would he be considered. [] has discussed this training request with [] the Office of Personnel representative on the subject's career panel, and the DD/P Training Officer, who have endorsed this request of [] desire to become proficient in Russian.

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3. It is anticipated that [] will be available to carry on his assigned duties and if a conflict of interests should occur, his Air Section functions will receive primary consideration. The course is scheduled for three two hour periods each week from 27 April through 7 August 1959 and will be supplemented by home study on off-duty time.

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/s/
[]
Chief, Air Section
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CONCUR:

/s/
Chief, Operations Branch, DPD

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